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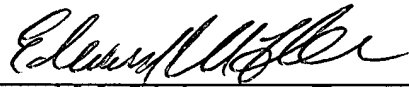
The purpose of this divisional application and accompanying preliminary amendment is to cover the tailgate version of Applicant's trailer hitch mirror system which has a tailgate hook 3 as shown in FIGS. 2, 3 7 and shown in actual use in FIG. 10 of the drawings.

Accordingly, the only original claims which include the tailgate are claims 3 and 15. Claim 3 has been amended to incorporate the substance of the original claim 1. Similarly, claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the substance of claims 1 and 9.

The expeditious prosecution of these claims is solicited.

Should the examiner have any questions or comments, a call to the undersigned attorney of record is invited.

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